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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Military and Veteran Affairs

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Tuesday, November 27, 2018                      12: 00 Noon                      Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Elder and Jones, (12/13)**

Member absent and excused was **Representative Byrd. (1/13)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of October 2, 2018 and October 4, 2018, as printed.

**Representative Albert to adopt the minutes of October 2, 2018 and October 4, 2018, as printed.**

**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee Senate 404.

**SB 404 (O'Brien)**                      State; identification cards; fee waiver on state identification cards for veterans; provide for.

The Chair announced that the committee had previously met on this bill on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, when the committee discussed expanding the bill for all homeless individuals.

Nick Plescia, Legislative Director for Senator Margaret O'Brien, the bill sponsor, explained the (H-1) substitute for the bill, and introduced Debra Hendren, ARNP, representing Community Housing Network and State ID Taskforce, and Elizabeth Kelly, representing Hope Shelter and Recuperative Care, who testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

David Richmond, Legislative Liaison for the Secretary of State, stated the department is neutral on the bill. Questions followed.



Debra Hayes, representing My Brothers Keepers Homeless Shelter in Flint, Michigan, testified in support of the bill.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support, but did not wish to speak:

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart;

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan; and

Jason Weller, representing the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness.

The Chair offered a (H-1) substitute for Senate Bill 404.

**Representative Glenn moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 404.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Elder, and Jones, (12/13)**

**Nays: None. (0/13)**

The substitute was adopted.

**Representative Glenn moved to report Senate Bill 404 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Elder, and Jones, (12/13)**

**Nays: None. (0/13)**

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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The Chair laid before the committee Senate 434.

**SB 434 (MacGregor)** Veterans; ombudsman; veterans' ombudsman; provide oversight of veterans' facilities.

Leah Maher, Legislative Director for Senator MacGregor, explained the bill.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support, but did not wish to speak:

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan.



**Representative Barrett moved to report Senate Bill 434 without amendment and with recommendation that the bill pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Elder, and Jones, (12/13)**

**Nays: None. (0/13)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 6403.

**HB 6403 (Wentworth)** Veterans; other; county veteran service fund; modify distribution.

The Chair offered a (H-1) substitute for House Bill 6403.

**Representative Johnson moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 6403.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Elder, and Jones, (12/13)**

**Nays: None. (0/13)**

The substitute was adopted.

The Chair turned over the gavel to Representative Graves, the Majority Vice-Chair, at 12:23 pm.

The Chair explained his bill as amended.

The Majority Vice-Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair, at 12:25.

The Chair reconvened the committee.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support, but did not wish to speak:

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan.

**Representative Barrett moved to report House Bill 6403 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Elder, and Jones, (12/13)**

**Nays: None. (0/13)**



The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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**Representative Sabo moved to excuse Representative Byrd from today's committee meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the member was excused.**

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There being no other business before the committee; the Chair declared the Committee adjourned, the time being 12:27 a.m.

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Jason Wentworth, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee